

REMARKS

The present invention is a display arrangement for holding a liquid crystal which, in accordance with an embodiment of the invention, includes liquid crystal display (LCD) 31 held in a position relative to a housing including a first part 35 and a second part 39. The display arrangement includes an elastic part 40 located between the LCD 31 with the elastic part contacting the first housing part and including a portion which contacts an under surface of the window to seal a space between a top of the liquid crystal display and the under surface, a cavity 34 located between a periphery of the LCD and the housing and an adhesive member 42 applied along a periphery of a bottom surface of the liquid crystal display which attaches the liquid crystal display to the first part of the housing. The first housing part 35 covers the periphery of the LCD and the bottom surface of the liquid crystal display and the second housing 39 part covers a periphery of the top surface of the LCD. The elastic part 40 contacts the second part 39.

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite regarding the recitation " a window ... for holding a liquid crystal display in a position relative to a housing". Claim 19 has been amended to point out what the intent of original claim 19 was as amended which is that the arrangement holds the liquid crystal display. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 19-30 are definite.

Claims 19-33 stand rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by USP 5,808,707 (Niibori et al) . The Examiner reasons as follows:

"Re claims 19 and 32, as shown in Fig. 6, Niibori et al. discloses a display arrangement including a liquid crystal display 1 (as well as a method for arranging a liquid crystal display) in relation to a housing including first housing part 7 and second housing part 10, comprising:

a window 9 which covers the liquid crystal display to provide protection thereof (col. 12, lines 15-22);
an elastic part or member 11 located between the liquid crystal display 1 and the second housing part 7 and including an upper portion which contacts an under surface of the window 9 to seal a space between a top of the liquid crystal display 1 and the under surface (col. 10, lines 1-8);
a cavity located between a periphery of the liquid crystal display and the first housing part 7 (Fig. 7); and
an adhesive member 8 applied along a periphery of a bottom surface of the liquid crystal display which attaches the liquid crystal display 1 to the housing (col. 9, lines 56-64),
wherein the first housing part 7 covers the periphery and the bottom surface of the liquid crystal display 1 and the second housing part 10 covers a periphery of a top surface of the liquid crystal display 1;
wherein, re claim 31, the elastic member 11 establishes a pressure on the top surface of the liquid crystal display 70 which retains the relative position between the liquid crystal display and the housing parts (col. 9, lines 7-11 and col. 10, lines 21-33);
wherein, re claim 33, the liquid crystal display is attached to the first housing part 7 with the adhesive member 8, and the second housing part 10 and the elastic member 11 surrounds an inner periphery of the second housing part 10 with the elastic member 11 applying a retaining force on a top surface of the liquid crystal display (col. 10, lines 1-8 and 21-33);"

These grounds of rejection are traversed for the following reasons.

Each of independent claims 19, 31 and 32 substantively recite an elastic part or elastic member located between the liquid crystal display and a second housing part which contacts the first housing part and includes a portion which contacts an undersurface of the window to seal a space between a top of the liquid crystal display and an undersurface. This subject matter has no counterpart in Niibori et al.

The Examiner has construed Niibori et al so that the first housing part is the panel fixing plate 7, the second housing part is the face plate-supporting member 10 and the elastic part or member is element 11. With this construction, the subject matter of claims 19, 31 and 32 is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious. As may

be seen, the elastic member 11 of Niibori et al does not contact the first member and only contacts the face plate 9 and the liquid crystal panel 1. Accordingly, the elastic member 11 contacts neither the first part 7 nor the second part 10 as the Examiner has read in Niibori et al on the subject matter of the independent claims.

Moreover, independent claim 21 recites that the elastic part is flexible and is located on the second housing part to provide pressure on the liquid crystal window and provide a dust-proof seal between the window of the liquid crystal display and the housing. This subject matter has no counterpart in Niibori et al since the elastic part is not located on the second housing part to provide pressure on the liquid crystal display and provide a dust-proof seal between the window of the liquid crystal display and the housing as recited in claim 21. Moreover, Niibori et al does not disclose a communication terminal as recited in claim 27.

Newly submitted claims 34 and 35 respectively limit claims 19 and 20 in reciting the elastic member contacts the second housing part. Niibori et al does not disclose the elastic member 11 contacting the second part which the Examiner has construed to be the housing 10.

Moreover, claims 36 and 37 recite a communication terminal comprising a display arrangement according to claims 34 and 35. These claims are also patentable for the reasons set forth above with respect to claims 34 and 35.

Finally, claims 38-40 further limit claims 31-33 in reciting the elastic member contacts the second housing part which, as discussed above, does not have a counterpart in Niibori et al.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of

the claims in the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (1030.41370X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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